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REAL ESTATE IS MOVING IN LOUISA

EVERYBODY PULLING FOR IMPROVEMENT AND PROGRESS WILL BRING IT.

All records have been broken in the last two or three weeks for activity in Louisa real estate. More deals and larger deals have been made than ever before.

The demand for residence property is far beyond the supply.

This all means that Louisa has "growing pains" in spite of the handicap of sleepiness that has existed to a considerable extent. The time and opportunity for an awakening is here. The spirit of boosting also is beginning to show itself and there are many good things within sight.

Louisa is located right at the doorway of two of the world's greatest coal fields—the Big Sandy and the Tug river fields. The railroads and rivers come together here, forming the finest kind of short hauls into the heart of these fields. Products of any kind for which there is a demand in those fields can be made and handled here at the best possible advantage.

We have had some trouble here at times about exorbitant prices demanded for sites for factories, but if these matters be brought to the attention of the Business Men's Association it is quite certain that the problems can be solved. We missed one big enterprise recently because of secrecy maintained in a matter of this kind. Every citizen should be on the alert for opportunities to bring enterprises here and take all suggestions and facts to the Business Men's Association.

Boost!

GLENN FERRELL'S GIRL.
Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ferrell, of Three Mills, wrote from France that he was sending home a picture of himself and his girl. When the photo arrived it showed the girl to be a little Belgian orphan, sitting on Glenn's knee, holding his hand and looking very happy.

REV. J. T. MOORE.
Rev. John T. Moore, of Kenova, W. Va., was in Louisa Friday on his way to Garrett, Floyd county, to hold a quarterly meeting for Rev. A. A. Hollister. Mr. and Mrs. Moore recently moved to a small farm and are very much pleased with their new location.

Oil Development in Lawrence Going Forward

The Ohio Fuel Oil company now has five or six drilling outfits in the Louisa oil field and will keep them busy on their leases all the year. This is welcome news to the land owners. Mr. Keller, the new manager, seems disposed to push the development.

A well will come in soon on the farm of Joe Cyrus. Also, another well on the Jesse Bernard farm.

The well on the tract held by M. F. Conley, Trustee, is estimated to be good for 20 barrels or more per day. It is considerably better than any other well in the field. The cleaning out and tubing of this well has not been accomplished because of the quality of oil it produces. 200 barrels have been swabbed out and saved, in an effort to reduce the quantity in the well to a point where it can be properly cleaned out. A location has been made on the same tract for another well.

RED CROSS SPEAKER AT M. E. CHURCH

Mrs. Lydia Hafford of Louisville, will be in Louisa Monday evening. She is prominent in Red Cross work and would like to meet as many Lawrence county people as possible. She will speak on Monday evening, March 31, at seven o'clock at the M. E. Church. Do not fail to hear her.

YATESVILLE

There will be a pie social here Saturday night, March 29, proceeds for the benefit of our pastor, Rev. H. C. Conley.

Curtis Holbrook, of Holden, W. Va., has returned home after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Holbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. David Compton visited relatives at Green Valley Saturday night and Sunday.

John Clark, Ray Burchett and Earl Diamond attended Sunday school here Sunday.

Misses Gladys, Georgia Lee and Emily Hays, of Madge, were the pleasant guests of the Misses Bradley Sunday. Ed Taylor passed through here Saturday.

Denver Holbrook attended church at Green Valley Sunday.

John Beutley, Jr., was calling on Miss Mona Casey Sunday.

Archie Derfeld was calling here Monday.

Johnnie Stewart spent Sunday with Lee Riley.

John Bradley was calling on friends Sunday.

Remember our Sunday School here Sunday at 2 p. m., and come.

SUNSHINE.

F. H. Yates and M. F. Conley were in Ashland Thursday attending a district centenary meeting of the M. E. Church South.

STAFFORD-SHEPHERD.

Miss Clara Stafford and Mr. Hugh Shepherd, of Webbville, were united in marriage at high noon Monday, the ceremony being performed at the home of the groom who is a successful farmer of that section. The bride is well known in Ashland where she has been employed since last November as saleslady for the W. E. Faulkner company, and has made many friends during her residence in this city.—Ashland Independent.

MRS. MOLLIE HOWES DEAD.

Mrs. Mollie Howes died Thursday of last week at her home in Kansas. She was the widow of Rev. Chas. Howes, a preacher in the M. E. Church, whose death occurred a few years ago. She is remembered in Louisa, having visited her sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Burgess, Mrs. K. M. Short and Mrs. Wm. Remmele.

VISITING IN ALABAMA.

Rev. H. O. Chambers, Mrs. Chambers and three little daughters, Evelyn, Mary Glynn and Jessie, left last Monday morning for Limestone, Alabama, where they will spend some time with Mrs. Chambers' mother. They also expect to visit Mr. Chambers' parents in Jacksonville, Florida. He will be away about a month and his family will remain for a longer visit.

Mrs. Chambers has been in poor health for a time, but was somewhat improved before she left. It is hoped the visit to her old home will completely restore her health.

STRAWBERRIES TO BE GROWN HERE

A Strawberry Growers Association is being organized in the vicinity of Louisa, the planting to be done in next month. Already quite a number of farmers have joined. Those easily accessible to railway stations above and below Louisa are being accepted for membership.

County Agent G. C. Baker is promoting this fine scheme, and he will arrange for doing the work so as to bring the best results. The movement got a late start and for this reason no attempt is being made to spread out over a very large territory. The spreading will come later on.

No better thing has been started here. Strawberries in quantities sufficient to make cash returns of \$300 to \$500 per acre. The intention is to get at least 20 acres started this year. Some farmers, or their boys and girls, are taking only a half acre. Others are starting with an acre, and one or two will put in two acres this year. It is better to undertake only what can be properly taken care of, as it will be done under government regulations.

The Business Men's Club of Louisa learned of the movement and promptly joined in to help the matter along. Plants of the most desirable kinds will be purchased at the lowest cost by the county agent for all who join the association.

Every farmer has room for a strawberry patch that will bring from \$200 to \$1000 cash per year and it has been demonstrated that no country produces more luscious strawberries than the Big Sandy valley. All we need is co-operation amongst the farmers so as to insure the safety of all they can grow. The more berries a community produces the easier it is to guarantee their sale. You will not have to peddle your berries when enough are grown here to make up cash load shipments. No loss of time and patience and temper with a glutted local market.

Warren county, Ky., ships hundreds of car loads of strawberries every year and the amount of cash received for them exceeds the amount that comes into Lawrence for cattle sold. And it is believed the organization will have many practical ways of helping to boost this part of the universe.

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Wm. Thompson's Death Occurred Last Friday

Wm. Thompson, known as "Blackhead" of Torchlight, whose illness was mentioned last week, died last Friday. He was 43 years old and leaves a wife and five children, the youngest being only two months of age. The burial took place on Little Blaine at the old home place. Mr. Thompson was a brother of Mrs. George Picklesimer, of Louisa.

PIKE COUNTY MAN MUST SERVE 14 YEARS

Frankfort, Ky., March 25.—E. S. Bingham, sentenced to fourteen years for complicity in killing his brother-in-law, Nelson Matney, in Pike county, December 16, 1917, lost his appeal from the verdict. Mosco Belcher, companion of Bingham and sweetheart of Matney's daughter, over whom he quarreled with her father, was sentenced to twenty-one years for the same crime. They killed Matney at his own home.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS OF UNITED WAR WORK FUND

All unpaid subscriptions are now past due. During my absence from the city subscriptions are payable to Miss Evelyn Conley at the Big Sandy News office. H. O. CHAMBERS, County Treasurer.

YATES PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS

J. P. Gartin and M. F. Conley have bought the J. W. Yates home place on Lock-av., containing a little more than two acres. It will be divided into lots and placed on the market at once.

The plot will be so arranged that buyers will have quite a range in prices, thus enabling them to invest the amount desired. Louisa is very much in need of more houses. The demand is very much greater than the supply and has been for quite a while. Lots are scarce also, and the owners of this property feel that opportunity should be given the people to purchase lots on which they may build residences. The property is well located and the number of lots so limited that they should sell very soon.

As soon as the maps can be prepared the sale will begin.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE IN EASTERN KY. OIL FIELDS

Barboursville, Ky.—In the Eastern Kentucky petroleum fields, Big Sandy district, the drill has been making good progress lately and a number of completions are reported.

In Floyd county, which is rapidly coming to the front in both oil and gas production, several gassers of good capacity are in the week's returns.

At Weeksbury the initial test of the Piney-Elkhorn Company is a 500,000 foot gasser. A second test is now drilling.

On Beaver creek the New Domain Oil & Gas company drilled in a well which is showing 1,500,000 cubic feet of gas. This well is near Maytown, the location of a big carbon plant. On the same creek the Pennegrade Oil & Gas Company is now drilling a new test and expects to finish up within a few days.

At Prestonsburg the Kentucky Oil & Development Company got a 250,000 foot gasser in the Beaver sand, but is drilling on, expecting to make a better strike in the Weir sand. In the same section the Great Central Company has drilled some nice oils in the Weir sand.

Johnson county, contiguous to the Lawrence county field, has shown such good oil possibilities that the Cumberland Pipe Line Company will extend a branch line into the field. Starting at Busseyville a ten mile line will be built to producing properties in Johnson county, including the leases of the Union Oil & Gas Company, which has drilled several good producers recently. It is said this line will be built at once.

Business Men's Association Finds Work to Do

The Business Men's Association of Louisa met Tuesday night and completed the work of formulating and adopting a constitution and by-laws. G. R. Burgess was elected corresponding secretary.

The strawberry association already started by County Agent Baker was discussed at some length and most heartily endorsed by the members. It was decided to assist Mr. Baker in presenting the proposition to the farmers within the next few days and all pledged themselves to help in every way to make the movement a success.

The regular dates for meetings of the business men were fixed on the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

The attendance Tuesday night was the largest since the organization and several new members were received. An enthusiastic spirit was prevalent and it is believed the organization will have many practical ways of helping to boost this part of the universe.

WAYNE COUNTY ROADS.

The survey of the Happy-Hollow-Docks creek route from Kenova to Buffalo has been completed and when Engineer Willes finishes the drawings of the two routes, the latter part of this week, he will report to the state road commission. Then we presume it will only be a short time until the matter of location is decided by the state road commission and the county court.

Cerode Advance.

Other surveys are being made in the county and the court hopes to be ready to let some contracts soon.

J. L. RICHMOND GETS CONTRACT

J. L. Richmond of this place, has closed a contract for some road work in Lincoln co., W. Va., and will move the necessary machinery in there at once to start the job.

CASUALTY LIST

Washington, Mar. 21.—Casualties reported last night and this afternoon by Gen. Pershing total 675. Many corrections also are reported. The names of the following are in the list:

Wounded Severely—Sergt. Elhanon

Hurt, Hazard, Ky.

Returned to Duty (Previously Reported Missing in Action)—Willie Smith, Van Lear, Ky.

Wounded Slightly—Sergt. William H. Peck, McRoberts, Ky.

Wounded Kentuckyans arriving from overseas at Camp Taylor are John Mullins, Myra; Wm. H. Weddington, Emma, and Wilson R. Robinson, of Pikeville.

J. F. MEEK IN OKLAHOMA.

The following refers to Felix Meek, who was a citizen of Busseyville, this county, until about 18 years ago. He is a brother of Mrs. Bettie Pig of this place. His Kentucky friends are glad to know of his success:

"J. F. Meek, of Muskogee, Okla., was in Sherman today, shaking hands with his friends and looking after his business interests here. Mr. Meek was formerly engaged in the real estate business at Whitesboro later coming to Sherman and engaging in the same business. He is a sound business man and by strict integrity and his hustling qualities, succeeded in business here. He eventually got into the oil business and moved to Muskogee in order to get into a larger field of endeavor, and has a real estate and oil business there. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is doing nicely in his new home.—Sherman Democrat."

MEETING IN CLEVELAND.

All publicity secretaries for the Victory Liberty Loan campaign were called to Cleveland, Ohio, last Saturday. Those who attended from this section were: Fozzo Wright and Thos. B. Ashley, of Pikeville; M. D. Powers, J. D. Smith and B. M. James, of Prestonsburg; B. F. Forgey, of Ashland; M. F. Conley, of Louisa.

LOSES FINGER.

Forrest Vinson, son of Frank M. Vinson, had the misfortune Monday of getting a finger cut off in the machinery at the bakery, where he was employed.

RHODES-MCCLURE WEDDING IN ARIZONA

A Yuma, Arizona, paper published the following account of the wedding of Miss Louise McClure. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lizzie Hatcher, of Louisa, and niece of Prof. J. B. McClure.

The Episcopal church was a bower of floral beauty on Sunday evening for the wedding ceremony which united in marriage Miss Louise McClure, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McClure, to Captain Owen Rhodes, of the Twenty-fifth infantry, now stationed at Nogales.

With military promptness the bridal party arrived at the church at 7:30 p. m., the time set for the ceremony, and the expectant groom took his place upon the altar platform, with his best man, Lieutenant McClintock, at his side. The bride was preceded by an escort, Lieutenants Harry C. and William Westover, who marched down the aisle and took their place just at the altar step, then came the ring bearer, dairy sister of the bride, little Miriam McClure, bearing the ring in a bouquet of white hyacinths and fuchsia. She was followed by the bridesmaids, Misses Theo Terrell and Mary McConnell, in exquisite white organdy and sheerest ruffles, carrying bouquets of pink roses. Miss Laura DeVane, the maid of honor, came next, dressed in a beautiful creation of white and pink flowers.

Then came the flower girls, strewing flowers along the pathway of the bride, radiant and lovely, leaning on the arm of her father. She wore a gown of white chiffon over silk with veil and orange blossoms and carried a beautiful bouquet of white hyacinths and brides roses.

The bridal party formed at the altar and Bishop Atwood read the impressive Episcopal ceremony, halting before pronouncing the final benediction. George Heigel sang sweetly "I Love You Truly," with Mrs. West at the organ.

Every detail of the wedding was carried out according to the plans of the bride and it was one of the most beautiful affairs imaginable. The military attendants were in full uniform. Old Glory was draped with the floral decorations in recognition of the military station of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Hamilton presided at the organ throughout the evening and Mrs. Deyo assisted on the violin. The church was filled with invited guests who went from the church to the train to bid the newly weds good bye and bon voyage on their honeymoon.

The bridal party accompanied the bride and groom to the home of the bride's parents, where an impromptu reception was held and the bride donned a smart traveling costume of "henna" brown with hat to match and went to the train with friends. Old shoes, rice and the customary farewells and annoyances allotted to newly weds preceded the coming of the train.

Captain and Mrs. Rhodes will be at home after March 15 in Nogales. Both have been popular in Yuma society and have a large circle of intimate friends here who will miss them but whose best wishes will follow them to their new home.

Captain Rhodes was a popular officer of the Twenty-fifth while stationed in Yuma last winter and he is to be congratulated on winning so fair and lovely a bride. The bride has lived in Yuma the greater part of her young life and has endeared herself to all who knew her.

M. L. GAMBILL DIES.

M. L. Gambill died at his home near Blaine after a short illness with pneumonia. He was the father of Mrs. Late Wellman and Mrs. Nancy Boggs of this place, and was a prominent citizen.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

John Steele, Jr., 24, and Okley E. Thompson, 18, both of Georges Creek.

BIG DEAL IN BUSINESS PROPERTY

James H. Woods and Augustus Snyder have bought the T. W. Huffman property on Main Cross-st., extending from Main to Perry. This is the real estate usually known as the W. D. Roffe property. It is one of the best located pieces of business property in Louisa, having a frontage of 66 feet on Main-st., and extending along Main Cross to Perry-st.

The purchasers have not announced their plans for the improvement of the property. The purchase price is \$10,000.00.

JUDGE WAGNER DIES IN PIKE COUNTY

Judge Tobias Wagner, of Mossy Bottom, passed away at his home last Friday morning.

Mr. Wagner was born in Germany September 25, 1834, he is therefore 84 years, 5 months and 23 days old. He came to this country 67 years ago and was a sergeant in the Civil War in Company K, 39th Ky. Infantry and was honorably discharged from the service. He was at one time elected on the Republican ticket to County Judge of Pike county, Ky. He was married soon after coming to this country to Miss Caroline M. Price, who died October 21, 1907.

He is survived by three sons and one daughter, Thomas Wagner, of Louisa, Nick Wagner, Mossy Bottom, Jno. Wagner, Big Rock, Va., Mrs. Mary Palmquist, Est. Pittsburg, Pa., and several grandchildren all of whom were at his bedside when the end came. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. C. Reynolds at two o'clock on Saturday at the residence with interment in the family cemetery.—Ashland Independent.

NINETY PER CENT OF UNITED CAMPAIGN PAID

Kentucky as a whole has paid in cash 90 per cent of the total amount subscribed in the United War Work campaign.

Twenty-eight Kentucky counties have paid their full quota. They include Boyd, Breathitt, Elliott, Johnson, Magoffin and Pike.

The counties that have not paid their subscriptions in full are being urged to do so at once, as the money is badly needed by the seven war work organizations.

Banquet to Soldiers of Lawrence Co. May 10

All returned soldiers and sailors of this county are requested to send in their name to be put into the list for the banquet to be given by the Red Cross Saturday, May 10th, at noon. This is important, as the Red Cross must know in advance how many names to prepare.

It is hoped every soldier and sailor in the county will attend. This is to be your public welcome, and a big day is expected. There will be a program running through the morning and afternoon, to which everybody will be invited. Speakers from other places will be here to take part. A committee to secure a good band has been appointed. The intention is to make this a red letter day in the history of Lawrence county. Everybody is expected to help the Red Cross boost it. No collections will be taken.

Send in the names to the Red Cross Chapter at Louisa.

REGENERATION OF FORESTS IS URGED BY J. E. BARTON

Frankfort, Ky.—The regeneration of the forest growth of Eastern Kentucky is essential to the economic and continued development of the coal field. J. E. Barton, Commissioner of Forestry and Geology, believes, and in a bulletin on the subject, just issued, he states that it requires about three acres of timber to furnish lumber, principally props, in mining one acre of coal.

The Eastern Kentucky timber has been cut out largely, where most accessible, and what with fires, grazing and other elements, which interfere with the natural growth of sprouts, unless systematic work in reforestation is carried on extensively, mine operators will find themselves short of material essential to their enterprise near at hand.

"IS THE SIGN RIGHT?"

Any number of the older farmers plant potatoes, after shoots and "lay fences" only "when the sign is right," or when the moon is in the right quarter. Of course, they believe in the practice and are very certain it pays; but does it? No experiment station or college in agriculture in the United States has been able to trace any good or bad effects to the moon or the signs of the zodiac.

Perhaps the farmer who believes in consulting the moon also believes that horse hairs which fall into water, turn into "horse-hair snakes" in spite of the fact that they are the tape worms of crickets. Perhaps these same men believe in concentrated lye for hog cholera instead of inoculation. If the farmer, who believes in the signs, will try planting part of his crop by the sign and the remainder later or earlier, he may be convinced. The main trouble is that it is extremely hard to convince a man of anything he wishes to believe after he passes fifty.

The Big Sandy News will bring your advertising into more homes for the same money than any other paper in Eastern Kentucky.

FUGATE-MILLER.

At Dayton, Ky., on Wednesday evening of last week, Miss Bertha Fugate and Mr. Toney Miller, of Fort Thomas, were married at the M. B. Church by Rev. T. B. Stratton. A nice luncheon was served soon afterward to a number of friends, among whom were Mr. Ezra Hatten, of Louisa. The bride is a native of Lawrence county.

ALAMANDER HAYS DIES.

Alamander Hays died last Friday at his home at Lucasville, Ohio. The body was brought through here Saturday and was buried Sunday at the Al Hays cemetery in this county. He was a son of Al Hays and formerly lived in Louisa. He leaves a wife and several children.

GONE TO WAYLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burchett have accepted the management of the hotel at Wayland, Ky., and are now there in charge. They are good people and their Louisa friends regret to lose them. We wish them success.

POWDER PLANT TO BE BUILT IN GREENUP

A powder plant is to be built in Greenup-co., at Wurtland. 500 men will be employed. The company purchased a tract of 600 acres on which to build their immense plant. They make a specialty of explosives for coal mines.

OHIO RIVER DAMS TO BE CONTRACTED

Cincinnati District No. 1, gets the largest allotment of work under the recent congressional appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the improvement of the Ohio River.

The allotments recently made are as follows:

Wheeling (W. Va.) District, construction of Dam 25, \$450,000; First Cincinnati District, construction of lock and abutment for Dam 36, \$800,000, and for Dam No. 38, \$500,000, total \$1,300,000; Louisville (Ky.) District, for completion of lock and Dam No. 43, \$175,000, and construction of lock and abutment for Dam No. 44, \$500,000, total \$675,000; total of all allotments, \$2,425,000; administration, designing force, etc., \$35,000. The balance, \$540,000, is reserved for contingencies.

Work on the two new dams—Nos. 36 and 38—will be started this season. Dam 36 will be let to a contracting concern and the construction of No. 38 will be done with the Government-owned plant now being used in the completion of Dam 29.

Dam No. 36 will be located a short distance above Coney Island, and Dam No. 38 will be located at McVilly, about a mile and a half above Laughery Island, three miles above Rising Sun, Indiana.

In addition to these dams authorized under the new appropriation, contracts will be let, beginning March 29, for the construction of Dam No. 30, near Greenup, Ky.; Dam No. 32, near Vanceburg, Ky., and Rome, Ohio, and Dam No. 24 at the upper end of Ohio, Ohio.

Ohio River Dams Nos. 29, 30 and 31, now nearing completion, will be in operation by the end of this season, as will also Dams No. 35, near New Richmond, No. 32, near Maysville, and No. 29, near Vevay, Ind.

The five new dams to be started this year will be completed by 1923, and their completion and operation, together with dams to be completed in the Wheeling district, will give a 12-foot stage in the Ohio River from Pittsburgh to Florence, Ky.

MADGE

Milt and Bessie Bradley spent Sunday with their brother Millard and family at Osie.

Ernie Nolen visited Goldie Bradley Sunday evening.

Hence Curnutte, of Ellen, spent Sunday with Miss Della May.

Quite a crowd spent Sunday evening with Inez Wellman.

Miss Mary Bradley was shopping in Busseyville Tuesday.

Mrs. John Wellman and children spent Friday with relatives in Busseyville.

Sam D. Heberlin was calling on friends at Yatesville Sunday.

Vant Wellman, who has just returned from overseas, has received an honorable discharge and is at home.

Misses Gladys, Georgia Lee and Emily Hays spent Saturday and Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Derfeld, of Yatesville.

Miss Iva Clark, of Deephole, was shopping here Monday.

G. A. Hays and wife were business visitors in Louisa Tuesday.

Mrs. Alice Frazier, of Lucasville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Esther Frazier.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Harry Jordan of Chattaroy, W. Va.

Charlie, Tommy and Della May spent Tuesday night with Dave May and family at Ellen.

Carl Burchett spent Saturday with home folks at Deephole.